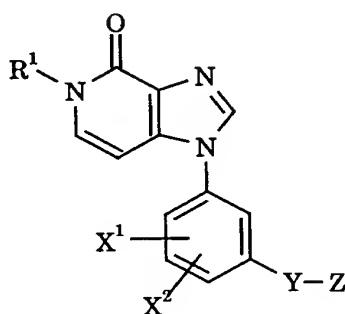


**CLAIMS**

1. A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

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(I)

wherein

- 10        X<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy;  
           X<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen or halogen;  
           Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- linkage;  
           Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;  
 15        R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -COR<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup> or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>; and  
           R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.
- 20        2. A compound of claim 1 in which X<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy.
3. A compound of claim 1 in which X<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or fluoro.

4. A compound of claim 1 in which Z is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, furyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, triazolyl and tetrazolyl, any of which groups may be optionally substituted  
5 by one or more substituents.
5. A compound of claim 1 in which R<sup>1</sup> is hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl, -COR<sup>a</sup> or -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>.
- 10 6. A compound of claim 5 in which R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl.
7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 15 8. A method for treatment or prevention of anxiety which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 20 9. A method for the treatment or prevention of convulsions which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 25 10. A method for the treatment or prevention of cognitive disorders which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.